

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 December 1957		2. LOCATION Littleton, New Hampshire		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 27/2330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 to 4 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object circular, size of a pea, color white, no sound. The object appeared to be one bright light similar to landing light. It was not symmetrical in shape and was larger and brighter than a star.				11. COMMENTS The description, azimuth and elevation definitely establish the object sighted as Venus.	

ATK Conclusions:

The very good descriptions, azimuth and particularly elevations given on the object - definitely establishes the identity of the object - Venus.

This body was so bright during the period that astro. journals and U.S. papers commented on it. Large no. of UFO reports rec'd as result, many doubting object was Venus. (Press clippings, etc. in case file).

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This is one of the many similar reports submitted to the USAF by the Pentagon.

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The following report of unidentified flying object was received by this headquarters from the individuals named below and reported in accordance with AFR 200-2:

(1) Description of object

(a) Shape - Circular

(b) Size compared to a known object - The witness reported the object as being 4 to 10 times the size of Venus, which would correspond roughly with the size of a pea.

(c) Color - White

(d) Number - One

(e) Formation if more than one - N/A

(f) Any discernable features or details - The object appeared to be one bright light similar to a landing light. It was not symmetrical in shape and was brighter than a star and also larger; however, it was not as large as the moon.

(g) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object - None

(h) Sound - None

(i) Other pertinent or unusual features - The object was stationary in the sky and appeared to brighten and dim without regularity.

(2) Description of course of object

(a) What first called the attention of the observers to the object - The observers happened to glance out the window of their auto and saw the bright light.

(b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object when first observed - The angle of elevation was 20° and azimuth unknown. However, the sighting was toward the southwest from the point of observation.

(c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance - The object remained stationary and in view the entire period while it was observed.

(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object - Stationary at all times.

(e) Manner of disappearance of object - The object remained in view during the entire period of observation.

(f) Length of time in sight - The object remained in sight for the full three to four minutes it was observed.

(3) Manner of observation

(a) Ground visual

(b) No optical aids used

(c) N/A

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(4) Time and date of sighting

(a) 27/2330Z

(b) Light condition - Night

(5) Location of observers - Littleton, New Hampshire. The observation was made between the Littleton Dam and the town proper, at a point where the new highway comes down to the lake.

(6) Identifying information of all observers

(a) Civilian

1. [REDACTED], Jr, age 36, Mailing Address: [REDACTED] Center, Vt.
Occupation: Anthropologist
2. [REDACTED], age 36, Mailing Address: [REDACTED],
Burlington, Vermont

(b) Military - Negative

(7) Weather and winds aloft condition at time and place of sighting

(a) Observer's account of weather conditions - Undetermined; however, felt it was partially cloudy.

(b) Report from Detachment 1, 12th Weather Squadron, Burlington Municipal Airport, Vermont: Wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface northerly at 5, 6M 330° at 25, 10M 350° at 40, 16M 340° at 45, 20M 330° at 50, 30M 340° at 50, 50M 290° at 50, 80M unknown

(c) Ceiling 4M variable scattered to broken.

(d) Visibility - 10 miles+

(e) Amount of cloud cover - 4 to 6 tenths

(f) Negative

(8) No unusual activity or conditions known which might account for the sighting.

(9) Interception or identification action taken - None. The report was not received until three days after the sighting.

(10) The witness reported no visible air traffic in the area at the time of this sighting. Military Flight Service has no knowledge of any traffic in that area at that time.

(11) This report prepared by the Operations Staff Officer, 14th Fighter Group (Air Defense), Ethan Allen Air Force Base, Winooski, Vermont. It is felt that this UFOB report holds some validity, since one of the reporting witnesses, [REDACTED], was a pilot in the Air Force, with the grade of Captain. He was unable to offer any possible explanation of the sighting. However, he brought out that when talking last week with a [REDACTED], of the Hanksville section of Huntington Center, [REDACTED] had seen a similar light at night, high over the barn which then moved off to the east toward the mountains. [REDACTED] felt that this was no light from an aircraft because it was perfectly stationary. With

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the absence of any low flying aircraft in this area, it would appear that this observation was caused by his sighting of some star, possibly caused by his previous talk with this [REDACTED] This particular investigation can find no other reason for the sighting.

(12) Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs -
Negative.

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